

Please amend the patent application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph entitled "RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following text:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/303,458, ^{filed Apr. 30, 1999} now U.S. Patent 6,151,625, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/927,005, ^{filed Sep. 10, 1997} now US Patent 6,282,454. This application is also related to the following, commonly assigned application, entitled "Apparatus for Controlling Internetwork Communications," U.S. Patent Application No. 08/926,837, now U.S. Patent 6,321,272. The contents of these patents are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

In The Claims:

Please amend the claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the application programs are converted by the programming editor and viewed on a web browser through either Java or HTML.

REMARKS

In the Office Action of April 8, 2003, the Oath/Declaration was indicated as being defective, the Specification was objected due to an informality, Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention, Claims 1-9 and 11-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Austin*, U.S. Patent No. 6,370,569, in view of *Harris et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,505,341, and Claims 10 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Austin*, in view of *Harris et al.* and further in view of *Swales et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,151,625.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claim 3 has been amended, no claims have been deleted, and no new claims have been added. As a result, Claims 1-20 remain at issue.

In addition, the Examiner has requested that Applicant resubmit several documents identified as missing from the second and third Information Disclosure Statements.

A. Oath/Declaration

A substitute Oath/Declaration is submitted to accurately identify applications to which this application claims priority as noted in the “Related Applications” section of the originally submitted Specification. Accordingly, the “Related Applications” section of the specification has been amended herein to reflect the current status of the cited applications.

B. Specification

A new copy of the application is submitted without punched holes as Attachment B.

In addition, the “Related Applications” section has been amended herein to reflect the current status of the cited applications.

C. Information Disclosure Statement

The missing documents from IDS#2 and IDS #3 as indicated by the Examiner are submitted herewith.

D. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C § 112

Applicant has amended claim 3 to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 3, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

E. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-9 and 11-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Austin* in view of *Harris*. Claims 10 and 20 have also been rejected over *Austin* in view of *Harris* and in further consideration of *Swales*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the claims, however, Applicant need not reach these issues because the cited reference is not prior art to this application.

More specifically, the present application is a continuing application claiming priority to two U.S. Patent Applications, one of which being U.S. Patent Application No. 08/927,005, filed September 10, 1997, now US Patent 6,282,454 (“*Papadopoulos*”). *Austin* has a filing date of November 14, 1997, and should therefore not be considered a prior art reference to this patent application. Thus, Applicant requests that *Austin* be removed as a prior art reference and respectfully requests that the rejection to claims 1-20 be removed.

Furthermore, *Swales* — having the same Assignee as the present application —was filed concurrently with *Papadopoulos* and should also not be considered prior art to the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicant submits that the Application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and allow the claims to issue. If any deficiencies remain and it would expedite the progress of this Application through the examination process, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant at (978) 975-9789.

Although Applicant does not believe any fees are associated with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-3875(SAA-34) for any debits or credits associated herein.

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Attachment A (Marked-Up Copy Of The Amendments)

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